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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the final rejection of claims 1-7, 9 and 11-21 in the Final Office Action dated September 17, 2007. Permission is hereby granted to charge Appeal fees in the amount of \$510.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0413. Permission is hereby granted to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in the fees to Deposit Account 50-0413.

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